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Subject: Bundling of alternate OS not allowed

Hello,

Please do not agree to any settlement that would restrict OEM's from bundling alternate operating systems when selling a machine with a Windows OS on it. Currently, it is my understanding that a OEM can not include a free version of Linux, BE, or any other OS without violating their contract with Microsoft. Microsoft may actually allow it, but the OEM losses their discounted pricing from Microsoft, essentially making it impossible for them to do any bundling on their own.

This practice is clearly an illegal use of their monopoly.

A settlement that does not take this into account assures that Microsoft's illegal monopolistic practices will continue (they will never have any "real" competition, contrary what they seem to indicate).

Thank you for considering this issue,

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